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Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 1:40 PM
To: mandrcecil@comcast.net; City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>
Cc: Edward Lavalley <ELavalley@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Re: Jetty at night

Dear Mr. Cecil,

On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comment. I am sending you a copy of Ordinance 46-66 to answer your question. The Ordinance was passed in 2006 and I do not know the rationale. As you can see, the park is closed to vehicles during nighttime hours, not to people.

By copy of this email to the City Clerk, I request that Ordinance 2006-05 be placed on a future agenda for council review, along with a copy of the minutes from the meeting(s) where this Ordinance was passed.

Sincerely,
John Holic
Mayor, City of Venice

Sec. 46-66. - Certain parks closed to vehicles during nighttime hours.

(a)

"Vehicles" defined. As used in this section, the term "vehicles" means any motorized device in, upon or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn, including automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, buses, motorhomes or campers.

(b)

Designated areas; closing time. The following are closed to vehicles between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. daily unless city council orders any of the facilities to be subject to a different closing time:

(1)

Brohard Park (except for those utilizing the fishing pier).

(2)

Chuck Reiter Park.

(3)

Graser Park.

(4)

Hecksher Park.

(5)

Humphris Park (except for those utilizing the jetty for fishing).

(6)

Municipal Beach.

(7)

Patriots Park.

(8)

Service Club Park.

(9)

Venice Wellfield.

(c)

Special driving and parking privileges. These may be authorized by the city manager.

(d)

Exceptions. This section shall not apply to persons having on their person or vehicles a written permit issued by the city manager or to official governmental vehicles.

(e)

Penalty. Any person, except persons falling within the exception set out in subsection (d) of this section, operating a vehicle, whether the owner thereof or not, who enters any city-owned, city-operated or city-leased park, recreational area, beach or beach access named in this section with such vehicle in violation of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished as prescribed in section 1-14 of this Code.

(Code 1982, § 13-36; Ord. No. 2006-05, § 4, 4-11-06)

Editor's note— Ord. No. 2006-05, § 4, adopted April 11, 2006, renumbered former section 46-65 as new section 46-66. In order to avoid the duplication of section numbers, existing section 46-66 has been renumbered as new section 46-67 at the discretion of the editor.

Cross reference— Traffic and vehicles, ch. 70.

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From: mandrcecil@comcast.net

Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 11:47 AM

Subject: Jetty at night

To: City Council <citycouncil@venicegov.com>

Can you give me a reason why you have an ordinance that bans people from the jetty between midnight and 6AM unless you are fishing? You can't say it is a safety issue for people in the dark since people fishing have to walk back and forth. It is nice to be able to go there at night and enjoy the serenity it offers. Also enjoy taking pictures at night.

Thank you

Michael Cecil

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Venice City Ord. Sec. 46-66